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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All of the other officers and directors join me in sending greetings to all members of QCWA.

Perhaps it is time to say that your organization could not have been founded, or existed and grown to its present state, without the dedication of many officers and directors, including those holding office at this time. I might add that your present Board is not unlike any other. As a matter of fact, some of them have served for a very long period of time in QCWA's life.

I can further assure you that the men serving on your present Board all have, and always will have, one common goal. Every decision made will be done so in such a manner that is, in our studied opinion, beneficial to the majority of the members in QCWA.

To help us in this regard, your present Board, starting at the National Convention in Orlando, FL, in 1974, and again at the National Convention at Reston, Virginia, in 1975, inovated open membership meetings where questions could be fired at your officers and directors. These meetings were very well attended and proved, without a doubt, the value of this idea. They will be continued at future national conventions.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Continued**

Starting at the Orlando, 1974 meeting, a proposal was presented by one member, suggesting that your Board be increased in size. After considerable discussion from the membership on the floor, you should be advised, it was overwhelmingly voted down.

At Reston, Virginia, in 1975, a similar proposal was presented by this same member again. Once more, there was no action called for by those QCWA members in attendance. In the intervening time, your Board had discussed this suggestion in its various forms and at Reston I announced the formation of a Restructuring Committee to study the matter and present its results to the Board. This committee consists of:

Art Miligan, W8KW

George Sperry, W4UKA

Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF

They will review this suggestion and any other ideas that might be in QCWA's best interest - including other possible changes in our Constitution and/or By-laws.

Finally, this same member has now written a third suggestion, along the same lines, to the Restructuring Committee - with copies to all QCWA officers and directors and to the secretaries of QCWA chapters. While this may be his right, I might point out that this has caused a great deal of confusion. Many members have erroneously arrived at the opinion that this member was acting in some official capacity on behalf of your officers and directors. It should be pointed out that many members of QCWA have, during the past two years, informed us that they are not in favor of a change in our Board structure.

The Restructuring Committee is studying the overall problems of updating the constitution in line with the requirements for qualifying for the IRS (c)(3) non-profit status. The Committee will officially report to your Board and the Board will then take whatever action appears to be in the best interests of our members.

The membership should know that your Board has devoted a great deal of time and thought to the many questions which arise from time to time; and they are most responsive to the needs of the Association. Board meetings, concerned with the affairs of QCWA have been held at:

Scottsdale, AZ - October 1973

New York City - January 1974

Washington, DC - June, 1974

Orlando, FL - October, 1974

Dayton, OH - April, 1975

Washington, DC - June, 1975

Reston, VA - September 1975

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Continued

During this time we have (1) Located and hired our new Executive Secretary and (2) moved our Headquarters to a more efficient office at McLean, Virginia. (3) We have increased and improved the image of QCWA so that it is more fully recognized as the second largest Amateur fraternity in the World. (4) Work has been started and is progressing toward a more favorable IRS status. (5) We have improved the format and size of the quarterly Newsletter. (6) We have sponsored work by our Executive Secretary to make, for the first time, a professional exhibit booth display. (7) We have indorsed the yearbook supplement and the fine Alpha-by-Name Directory which were proposed and accomplished by our Executive Secretary. (8) We have initiated the new 60th Anniversary Certificates and the new 50-year and 60-year lapel pins to better recognize our pioneers. (9) During this time, our membership has grown from 9,083 (total membership) in July of 1974 to 10,293 as of November 20, 1975. Local chapters have grown from 72 to 88 in that same period of time.

I speak for all the officers and directors in saying how proud we are to serve QCWA. Our greatest satisfaction for the job we are doing is to meet and talk to you at every opportunity made possible at meetings where Amateurs gather throughout each year. Please use these occasions, as well as your letters to let your directors know what is on your mind.

Preliminary plans are in process to have QCWA National Conventions at:

Houston, Texas - September 1976  
Seattle, Wash - July 1977  
San Diego, CA - Fall 1978  
Baton Rouge, LA - 1979

The first three have been approved by your Board. The request from Baton Rouge will be considered at the next Board meeting.

From time to time I plan to continue to write to you, all members of QCWA, through our quarterly bulletin. I will attempt to keep you advised as to the actions taken by your Board of Directors as quickly as possible. The viability of our Association is only as good as the communications from our Board to our members, as well as from our members to their directors.

Sincerely,

  
Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS  
President, QCWA



## QCWA BOARD MEETING

The QCWA Board of Directors met in session for 6 hours on September 10 and another 3 hours on September 12. Many items of business were discussed and an "Executive Committee" was designated to expedite action on some matters between regular Board meetings. Members designated were Frank Gunther, W2ALS; H.H. Robinston, W4QR; and Mark Devaney, K4IDC.

Approval was granted for a QCWA Convention in Houston, TX, in September 1976. Approval was also granted for a QCWA convention to be sponsored by the Northwest Council of QCWA in conjunction with the ARRL Northwest Division Convention in Seattle, Washington, in July 1977. A QCWA Convention to be sponsored by San Diego Chapter in 1978 in connection with the ARRL National convention was also approved.

Recent monetary contributions to QCWA and memorial gifts were discussed. A study is being made to determine what use should be made of these funds. The possibility of establishing a QCWA Scholarship was considered.

Considerable time was spent considering actions necessary to qualify QCWA for the IRS (c)(3) non-profit status. It was decided to appoint a Restructuring Committee to study all of the problems and to come up with one consolidated recommendation for changes in the Constitution and By-laws.

It was voted to award, posthumously, a "Distinguished Service Award" to Dr. A.L. Walsh, W2BW, who served as a Director from the inception of QCWA through 1968 and who was an active supporter of QCWA until his death in May of this year. A meritorious Service Award was voted for George Sperry, W4UKA, for his many years of outstanding service to QCWA. The award to be presented at the convention luncheon.

It was voted to use the QCWA Memorial Call, W2MM, in connection with the 1976 QCWA QSO Party and in all future QCWA operations. The proposal for a second QSO Party in the Fall was disapproved. A bid from Gator Chapter to sponsor the 1976 QSO Party was approved. A new "Worked 60 Chapters Certificate" was approved and also a new "QCWA WAS Certificate" was approved. The Operating Activities Manager was authorized to purchase necessary certificates and plaques for approved operating activities and contests.

A request for commercial advertising space in the QCWA News was considered and accepted. A price structure for advertising was established: \$100 per issue for a full page, \$60 for 1/2

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BOARD MINUTES - Continued

page and \$35 for 1/4 page. All proposed advertising must be approved by the Board.

The appointment of Executive Secretary, Ethel M. Smith, K4LMB, was confirmed for another year. An Auditing Committee was appointed to audit the books of the Association at the end of the calendar year. Appointed were Nat Burnett, K40L; and William Kennedy, W2AS.

The report of the Ballot Committee showed the following officers elected:

President: Frank Gunther, W2ALS  
 Vice Pres: Harry S. Gartsman, W6ATC  
 Treasurer: Mark J. Devaney, K4IDC  
 Secretary: G. D. Meserve, W0HG  
 Directors: J.R. David, W4YK  
 Art Miligan, W8KW  
 H.H. Robinson, W4QR  
 Hal Sears, W5NC  
 Clarence Seid, W2KW

(This is an unofficial recap of the proceedings of the Board meeting. Due to illness in the family of the Secretary, the official minutes of the Board meeting are not yet available.)

## SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys:

|        |                    |       |                     |
|--------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|
| W2EAT  | Henry Nenstiehl    | K6LN  | Roy Vanderford      |
| W2HZ   | Morris Lieberman   | W6NTR | Jack Clement        |
| W2LA   | Alfred Livingstone | W6OI  | J.W. Paine          |
| W2LNI  | Barry Gensler      | W6ZCN | Lawrence J. Wren    |
| K200   | Jack deBois        | W7AEJ | Jack Nicholas       |
| W2THD  | Howard Lotz        | W7BVO | R.H. Mietzke        |
| W3FP   | F.E. Whittam       | W7HVX | W.R. Williams       |
| W3MBB  | George Hayes       | W7IQU | Raymond Sabin       |
| K4BZZ  | H.P. Chandler      | W8AKA | M.W. Johns          |
| W4FZI  | Henry Blessing     | W8KWL | Paul N. Brown       |
| W4KCL  | Clifford Lougee    | W8TAI | A.M. Murray         |
| WA4PDY | Anthony J. Gehring | W9BDX | Clarence Swearingen |
| K4PI   | Franklin Atlee     | W0JO  | Bruce H. Hart       |
| W5FZA  | Ben F. Cochran     | VE70T | M.H. Thoreau        |
| K6DX   | Corwin R. Henry    | VK2VN | Morris H. Meyers    |
| W6JJY  | R.D. Carter        |       |                     |



## ANNUAL MEETING

The September 12 Annual Meeting was opened by Washington Chapter President, Don Mc Clenon, W3IN, and was chaired by National President, Frank Gunther, W2ALS. Reports were given by National Treasurer, Mark Devaney, K4IDC, Executive Secretary Ethel Smith, K4LMB. Ed Redington, W4ZM, chairman of the Ballot Committee read the results of the election. Don Meserve, WØHG, is now National Secretary. The vacancy on the Board of Directors was filled by Hal Sears, W5NC.

About 250 members participated in the meeting and its open forum discussion portion. There were 200 members and guests at the QCWA luncheon. National President, Frank Gunther, W2ALS, acted as M.C. He introduced the distinguished guests and presented various certificates and awards. FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee was presented an Honorary Membership. He and ARRL President, Harry Dannals, W2TUK, spoke briefly. Mr. Tom Rogers, consultant to the National Academy of Science spoke on "Practical Applications of Space Systems." He included a mind-boggling scheme of a 100 square mile solar energy collecting satellite providing millions of communication links and collecting solar energy and sending the power down for Earth use.

In the evening, a comedy movie of Laurel and Hardy erecting an antenna was shown by Ralph Cabanillas, W2BNJ, and Ed Redington, W4ZM, provided his famous demonstration of a spark gap transmitter in operation.

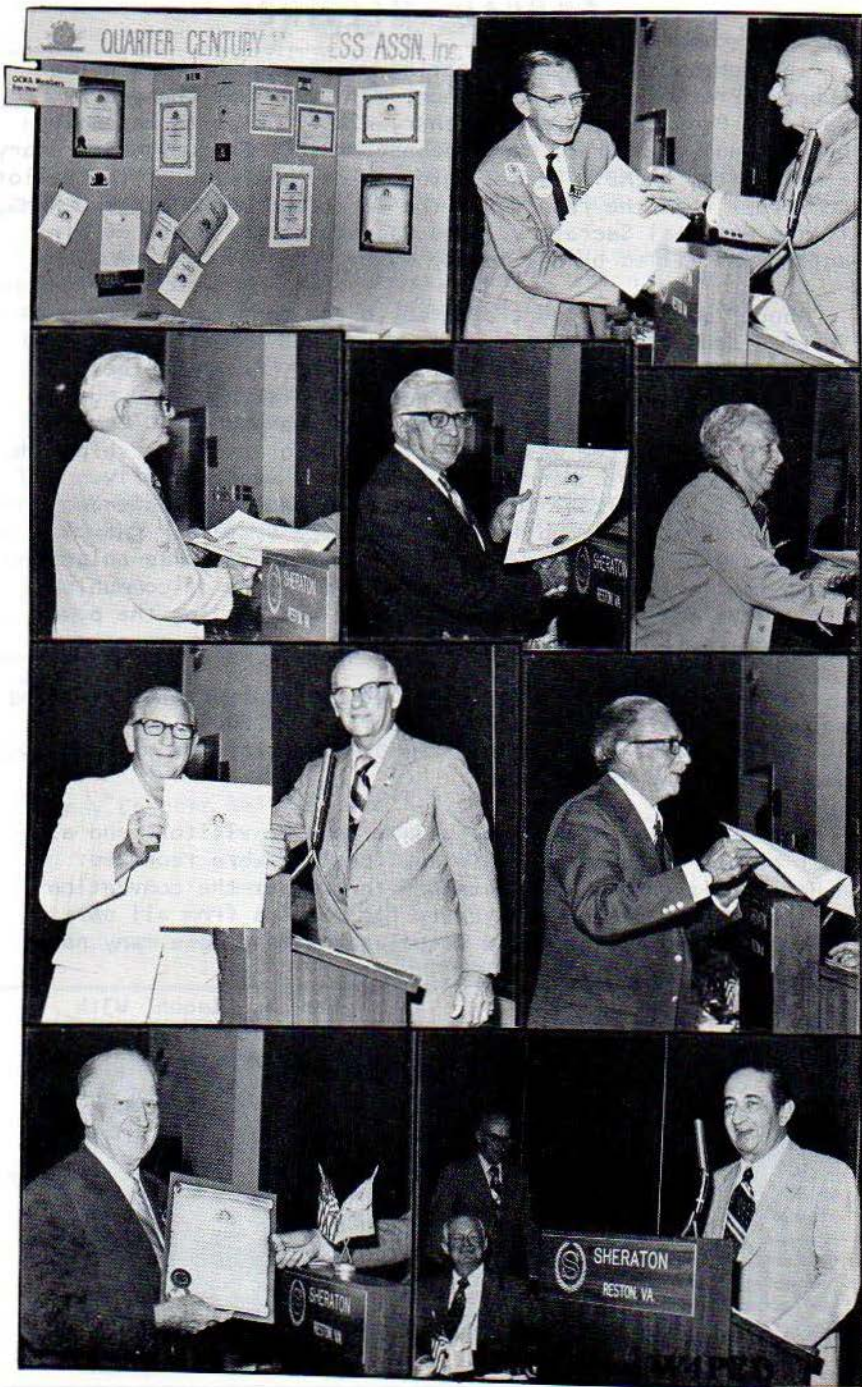
The QCWA booth log was signed by lots of visitors and a fair number of new membership applications were received. A Hospitality Room was maintained throughout the convention and provided a great opportunity for members from all parts of the country to renew old acquaintances and make many new ones. (See photos next page.)

Don Mc Clenon, W3IN  
President D.C. Chapter



250 members attended Annual Meeting, Reston, Va.







## OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

The 1976 Centennial Year  
QCWA QSO PARTY

The 19th Annual QCWA QSO Party will be called to order, or Chaos, at exactly 2300 GMT on February 13, 1976, and will be closed at exactly 2300 GMT on Sunday, February 15, 1976. This Friday to Sunday period will see thousands of ergs of energy dissipated, with an equal bunch of throat lozenges, cups of coffee, and bandaids on keyer fingertips.

New records may be set, higher scores are possible, more contacts can be made, but none of these are as important as the chance and the joy of hearing an old friend - of hearing an authentic "Lake Erie Swing" - or the sound of an old professional operator using the key with the beauty and precision of years of experience - and the occasional fist that is shaky because of arthritis in finger joints, but who copies you with precision, regardless of your speed.

All of these are the important parts of the tradition of the QCWA QSO Party. Don't miss it. See details on page 10.

Watch for the DX stations in this year's Party. Some of the fellows complained that they were ignored last year. We have several JA members, a slew of VKs, and watch for 9J2MH in Zambia. He has been better known as VE3MH. There are also a good number of Europeans. Listen for all of them.

### NEW AWARDS

The Board of Directors has authorized two new operating awards:

QCWA WORKED ALL STATES AWARD

WORKED 60 QCWA CHAPTERS AWARD

Competition for these awards will begin with the calendar year 1976 and all contacts must be made after that date. Send proof of your contacts to the Operating Activities Manager

Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

1409 Cooper Drive

Irving, TX 75961

Delivery has been made of all the Operating Awards earned during the 1975 QSO Party for working 100 QCWA members. If you qualified during the party and have not yet received your certificate, get in touch with W5EJ. If you have qualified outside of the Party, send your proof of contacts and a certificate will be issued.

Ted, W5EJ

## QSO PARTY RULES

The 1976 Centennial Year

QCWA QSO PARTY

Beginning 2300 UTC, February 13, 1976

Ending 2300 UTC, February 15, 1976

### OFFICIAL RULES

- CONTACTS: Each contact made with another QCWA member will count contacts points in accordance with the following:
1. Contact with member living in the same or adjacent country counts as one (1) point. (48' contiguous states in US. Other states & possessions use rule 2.)
  2. Contact with member living in nearby country or state that is separated from your own by at least one intervening country or an ocean, counts two (2) points.
  3. Contact with member living on different continent counts five (5) points
  4. Contact with the QCWA Memorial Station W2MM/4 counts two (2) points.
  5. Contact with any "Distinguished Member" holding a 50-year or 60-year Anniversary Award (signified by letter "D" after QSO Number) adds one (1) point for each such contact..

For the first time, you will count a CW contact and a phone contact with the same station as separate contacts. Otherwise duplicate contacts on different bands do not count.

CHAPTER MULTIPLIERS: Each different chapter represented in your contacts counts as a multiplier.

SCORING: Number of QSO Contact Points (See 1,2,3,4 above) plus number of "Distinguished Members" worked (See 5 above) = Total Contact Points.

Total number of different chapters worked  
times Contact Points = Total Score.

### RECOMMENDED FREQUENCIES:

Phone: 1805-1825, 3940-3960, 7240-7260, 14240-14260  
14280-14300, 21340-21360, 28640-28660.  
CW: 1805-1825, 3540-3560, 7040-7060, 14040-14060  
21040-21060, 28040-28060.

The above frequencies are recommended in order to reduce some of the QRM. With the exception of the 160 meter band and the general class 20 meter band, all suggested



QCWA QSO PARTY RULES- Cont'd  
frequencies start at xx40 and end at xx60 kHz. These frequencies were chosen as the segment where there is a minimum of net operation. Contacts made on any net operation will not count for contact points.

For calling "CQ," call on the frequency ending in the same digit as your call letter district. e.g., W7 would call only on 14247 or 14257 kHz on the 20-meter phone band. On 80 meter CW it would be 3547 or 3557 kHz. W4 would call on 14244 or 14254 kHz and 3544 or 3554 kHz. This restriction does not apply to stations outside the continental limits of the United States.

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS:** Each member holding the 50-year or 60-year Anniversary Award is to be known as a "Distinguished Member" and will add the suffix "D" after his QSO number. Each such station worked will count as an extra contact point.

**CHAPTER AFFILIATION:** Members should identify their chapter affiliation clearly, using abbreviations where possible. At large stations, not affiliated with a chapter, should send "none" in the CW sequence in order to avoid confusion. Persons belonging to more than one chapter must select one chapter and list it consistently throughout the contest.

**MEMORIAL STATION:** W2MM is the QCWA Memorial Station. This year, and in the future, the host chapter of the QSO Party will use the call W2MM/x in their area. If you contact W2MM/4 during the Party, count two (2) points. Send a QSL of your own along with your log and QCWA will send you a special memorial card.

**AWARDS:** The Annual Operating Award plaque will be presented to the high-scoring station in the Party. The plaque is now in the possession of Don McClenon, W3IN, the winner of the 1975 QSO Party. Presentation of the award, engraved with the name of the new winner, will be made in June 1976, under the auspices of the Gator Chapter. Scores will be printed in full in the June 1976 issue of the QCWA Newsletter.

**CHAPTER COMPETITION:** This year the Board will award appropriate certificates to the top three chapters with highest aggregate scores. Be sure to indicate your chapter. At least three logs must be received for a chapter before it will be considered in this competition.

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# QCWA QSO PARTY RULES

**LOGS:** Please send in your log even if you make only one single contact. Identify each sheet of your log with your name, call, street address, city, state and zip. List your Chapter name (or At Large) and Anniversary Certificate number if you have one. Number the pages serially and staple them together. Compute your own score and submit it with the log.

The log format supplied in the centerfold of the Newsletter will materially assist the committee in scoring the party. Extra copies of the log will be furnished anyone sending an s.a.s.e. to W4GQ.

**HOST CHAPTER:** This year the 19th Annual QSO Party is being hosted by the Gator Chapter. The Committee is headed by Lew Sieck, K4NE, Chairman; Dave Davis, W4GQ; Art Monsees, K4QG, Barney Barnard, K4NB; Jim Keyes, K4FCW; Hal Rice, W4FOM; Cap Grigsby, K4MFF; Bob Conaughty, K4OQ; Charley McIntyre, WB4DDP; and Lawson Love, W4BHX.

**MAILING:** Logs should be mailed no later than February 20. Send logs to

Dave Davis, W4GQ  
6971 Grand Vista Way, South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33707

## SAMPLE SCORE

|     |                       |              |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------|
| 115 | U.S. States.....      | 115 points   |
| 35  | Canadian.....         | 35 points    |
| 5   | Alaska.....           | 10 points    |
| 1   | Virgin Islands.....   | 2 points     |
| 3   | Mexico.....           | 3 points     |
| 10  | European.....         | 50 points    |
| 2   | Japan.....            | 10 points    |
| 5   | Australia.....        | 25 points    |
| 1   | W2MM/4.....           | 2 points     |
|     |                       | 252 points   |
| 15  | Distinguished Members | 15 points    |
|     |                       | 267 points   |
| 34  | Different Chapters    | x 34         |
|     | Total                 | 9,078 points |



## HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Executive Secretary K4LMB

### NEW CHAPTERS

We are delighted to report two more new chapters in QCWA.

#87 - Northern Virginia Chapter - W4IG0, Sec.

#88 - Northern Lights Chapter - KL7DG, Sec.

Be sure to add these chapters to your records. You will want them during the February QSO Party. Organization is also under way in a number of other areas and we hope to see many more chapters in the next year. It is the fellowship of local chapter activity that makes QCWA great and we would like to see a chapter within reasonable commuting distance of every QCWA member. Right now there is a lot of wide open space on our QCWA map - especially out West. It only takes 10 QCWA members in good standing (including new applicants) to start a new chapter. Write to Headquarters for a Petition for Charter and get a chapter going in your area.

### ADVERTISING

We welcome our first commercial advertiser in this issue of the News. (See the Vintage Radio ad on page 15.)

Ads such as this, which are directly associated with Amateur Radio, will be welcomed by QCWA. Advertising rates have been established as reported in the minutes of the Board meeting. We feel the ads are of interest to our members and the money will certainly help in defraying the ever increasing costs of publication and mailing. Classified "line ads" are being considered, but so far no decision has been reached. At least for the time being we will run some "job wanted" ads, etc., without cost.

### ALPHA DIRECTORY

So you liked it! We sold the first 200 copies of the Alpha-by-Name Directory in one month and the second 200 went in the second month. Now we are working on a third reprint! We wish we could have anticipated the demand and printed them all at once. It would have been a lot cheaper. But we have made expenses, so the price is now \$3.00 each copy. A refund check has been sent to every person who sent \$4.50 for a single copy.

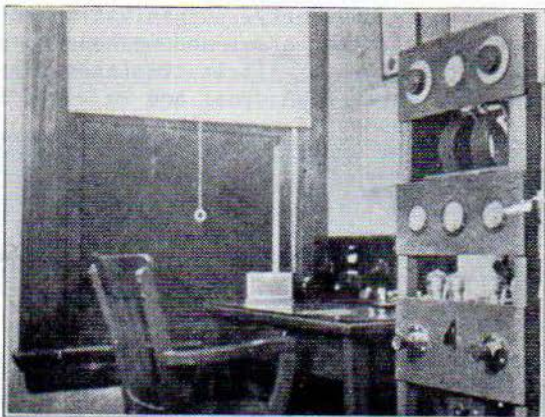
We must give special credit to super salesman W2AIM. Nat personally sold over 60 copies of the Alpha Directory during the Reston convention. Thanks, Nat.

Additional items of Headquarters Report are tucked into the "filler" spaces.

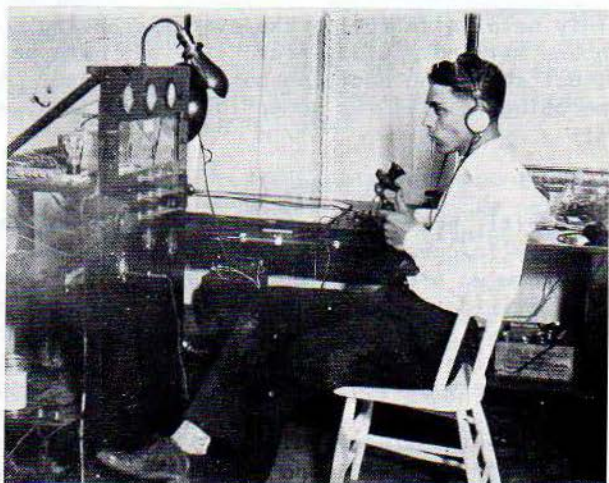
## THE OLD TIMERS' CORNER

by Ted Heithecker - W5EJ

The picture below should recall memories to the New York gang. It is a photo of the rig of Irving R. Groves, 2DX, taken in 1926 when he was using a 203-A. Irving was an Official Relay Station, and was active in the Naval Reserve. Irving was located in Summit, New Jersey, a few miles West of NYC...about two hours in a flivver!



And do you recognize this fellow?  
This is 9PG in Chicago in 1927



He became better known as W3BA while serving as Chief of the Field Bureau of the FCC and is now known as W4RE in Winter Park, Florida. You are right. It's Frank Kratokvil.



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## ARIZONA CHAPTER

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Phone 298-6892

On-the-air: Every Sunday 0900 MST on 3933 kHz

The Arizona chapter held its Fall business meeting on Saturday, 11 October, 1975, at a luncheon at Sir George's Royale Buffet, Sun City, Arizona. Twenty-four members, wives and guests attended. At the conclusion of a delightful luncheon, the vice-chairman, John Mevius, WA7UXT, called the meeting to order while the wives, under the guidance of Mrs. Mevius and other Sun City YLs, took off on a shopping tour of the local shopping Mall.

The first item of business was the formal presentation of the 50-year award certificate to W7RIR, Gordon Henry; W7HTY, Holland Day; and W7KIH, Hal Teagarden. 50-year awardees who were unable to attend were: WA7YVQ, Royal Miller; W7BXR Raymond Webster; and W7JYQ, Myron Steffy. Sixteen additional members, who were either new, transferred or winter visitors, were welcomed to the chapter group. Some were not in attendance.

Included in new items of business was the chapter participation in the upcoming ARRL convention to be held in Tucson in April, 1976. It was agreed that the chapter would be responsible for the operation of a QCWA booth during all three days of the convention and would sponsor a QCWA breakfast on one of the days.

A reminder to all QCWA members who visit annually, pass through or periodically visit Arizona - the Arizona chapter conducts weekly on-the-air business meetings every Sunday, 0900 hours on 3933 kHz, and informal meetings Mondays thru Fridays, 1600 hours on 3933 kHz. Everyone is more than welcome to participate. If you are mobiling through, give a listen and/or a shout.

For those working 2 meter FM, there are a number of fellows who are very active on 2 meters throughout the state - give a shout anytime. You are most welcome and maybe we can suggest more ways to enjoy our sunshine state. We are always tickled to have an eyeball QSO. For anyone interested and planning to visit the state in the near future, contact the secretary of the Arizona chapter and a complete Arizona membership directory, with phone numbers, will be provided.

"Lucky" Brown, K7NTG



## ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ben Laurents, W5JAH  
1812 Cambridge Street; Bossier City, LA 71010  
Next Meeting: January 20, Bossier City, LA

Members of the ARK-LA-TEX Chapter gathered at the studios of KSLA-TV (Channel 12) in Shreveport at 6 p.m. on the evening of October 21. Morris Barton (x-4VK) gave us a personally conducted tour of the new and almost 100% automated station. It was a very enlightening trip into the latest world of commercial TV.

At the conclusion of the tour, the members convened at Sambo's, in Bossier City, La., for the regular quarterly dinner meeting. Main discussion was the listing of prospective members for both the national QCWA and the local chapter.

Next meeting will be January 20, 1976. It will be our first Ladies Night and will be a dinner meeting at Sambo's in Bossier City. A special program that will be of interest to the ladies will be planned.

Irving Wolfe, W5RQH (x-2APJ)

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## AUSTIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary W.E. Peterson, W50Y  
9402 Arch Hill Circle; Austin TX 78759

The quarterly luncheon meeting was held on September 27th at the Hancock Wyatt's Cafeteria in Austin. Twenty-five members and wives attended.

The program included two presentations of exceptional interest to Amateurs. An Austin police officer, Alvin DeVane, WB5HZQ spoke about a policeman's relationship with the public and the many problems involved in doing his every day duties. He covered the vital use of radio communication equipment such as Walkie-Talkie, Amateur 2 meter frequencies and Citizens Band to accomplish some of these duties.

A Chapter member, Amos Peters, W5LHX, discussed his experience in building and using a 2 meter Quad. See the picture on page 18.

## BALTIMORE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hobart Johnson, W3AC  
203 Park Drive; Baltimore, Md. 21228  
On-the-air: AM-SSB Net 28,650 kHz - Monday 9 p.m. local time

The Baltimore Chapter held its annual picnic on September 27 at the home of W3EPR. There were approximately 35 members and guests present. See photo below.



Kneeling: Tom McNulty, Jr.; W3LE, W3DBM, W3WK, W3EPR  
Others in order: Lee Dorsey, W3QA, W3LO, W3CU, W3WK,  
W3AHA, W3DKE, W3HNT, W3OSF, K3IYJ, W3WA, W3HWZ  
W3EEI, W3CBP, W3KWK, W3AC, W3PG, W3EKZ, W3ZG, W3SW

Hobart W. Johnson, W3AC

## AUSTIN CHAPTER - Contd



W5LHX spoke on construction of 2 meter Quad  
Photo by W5OMP

The extent of audience participation left no doubt that this was one of our most interesting and successful programs.

"Pete" Peterson, W50Y



## BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John McLane, K4FTB  
1040 Carousel Lane; Hendersonville, N.C. 28739  
Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 1200 Noon  
Ramada Inn, Hendersonville, N.C.  
Executive Committee meeting and Roundtable - Fourth Wednesday  
of each month, 1200 Noon, Clifton's Cafeteria.

New officers elected at the September meeting were:

President; Doc Appleton, K4RR  
Vice-Pres: Tony Landry, W4JMG/W2IRT  
Secretary: John McLane, K4FTB  
Sgt at Arms: John Wyman, K4HXZ



K4HU, K4EZH, K4RR, W4YK

Tom Kelley, K4IRD, formerly of Tryon, N.C. and now with Scientific Associates of Atlanta, showed slides of his recent trip to a world-wide Communications Equipment Exhibit at Leningrad, U.S.S.R., where he introduced a new shipboard satellite link equipment, the Marisat. The equipment will be used to connect ships directly to world-wide voice and Telex circuits. Tom also gave some first-hand impressions of some Russian cities and customs.

At the October meeting, Harry Mills, K4HU, reported on a visit with members of the newly-chartered Palmetto Chapter (SC) who have a real organization set up. We plan to have a joint meeting with them in March, 1976.

John Wyman, K4HXZ, has developed and furnished a battery operated emergency power supply for special sensing devices which are required to monitor a local boy who has the infant crib-death syndrom. This power supply has already functioned very well during a recent commercial power failure. John McLane, K4FTB

**CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Harry Eckland, WØSKX  
945 Kingston Street; Wheaton, Ill 60187

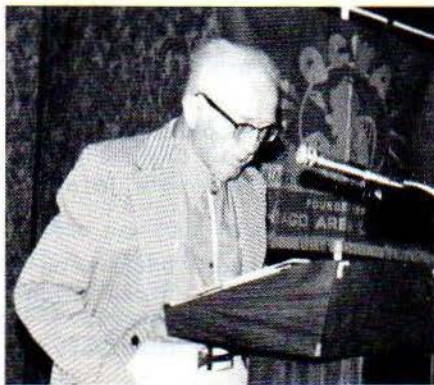
Warmth and welcome from Wisconsin was the egis of the electronic elite of pioneer Amateur Radio operators at the September 6th Illinois-Wisconsin QCWA Brunch at the Holiday Inn at Mundelein, Ill, during Radio Expo '75. Many of the 80 members, guests and their wives travelled over 200 miles to this first union which bodes to become an annual re-union. QCWA members came from Green Bay and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Ind.; Bloomington, Joliet, Peoria and, of course, Chicago, Illinois. Clyde Richelieu, W9ARE/W9JS entertained us with his marvelous banjo program.



W9VQD - Wisconsin

W9IP0 - Illinois

Dr. Eric Shalkhauser, W9CI, of RME fame, recounted the Amateur Radio Relay of February 22, 1916 in which he had a part. A meaningful message originated from 9XE in Rock Island, Ill., was directed to the President of the United States. The message was relayed from station to station in record time - about 1 hour. Those were the days when only spark gaps blasted the ether. It was truly an historic occasion and one that gained governmental recognition of Amateur Radio.



It was the majority opinion of those at the meeting that something similar should be  
(continued on page 21)



## CANTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Henry McLaughlin, W80YV  
1508 Navarre Road, S.W., Canton, OH 44706

Meetings: Quarterly

Forty-five were in attendance at the August meeting held at the Dutch Valley Restaurant - a bit crowded for a small room. We had two visitors, Lester and Alberta Dieringer, guests of W8BCB. A member we have not seen for a long time was W8EJP, Carl Schuller of Youngstown. Glad you could make it, Carl.

The November 1st meeting was held at The American Legion Lounge in Massillon, Ohio. Guest speaker was Philip A. Gizzi, W8IIV, Chief of the FAA at the Canton-Akron Airport. Phil will be retiring soon, then he will pursue his second hobby, collecting antique model trains.

We welcome new member Franklin A. Bishop, W8ZEI, of Winterville, Ohio.

Henry McLaughlin, W80YV

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## CHICAGO CHAPTER - Continued

attempted again next year to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of this famous relay.



Mrs. & Lee Knirko, W9MOL

The regular Fall meeting was held at Otto's Restaurant in Forest Park, Ill., on October 21st. We had to replace two members of our Board of Directors. Dudley Press, our VP, had resigned due to the press of business and Bill Burda, W9PPQ, had passed away. Our new VP is Ero Erickson, W9HPL. Hank Sobb, W9CRN was elected to the Board. We had a nice turn-out even though we were competing with the World Series.

Bob Larson, W9YOM, was presented his Golden Anniversary Award by our President, W9IPO. Phil Haller, W9HPG, gave us a very complete run-down of the ARRL Convention and the QCWA Annual Meeting in Reston, Va.

Harry Eckland, WØSKX

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Desmond Stovall, W6ECY  
PO Box 6371; Los Osos, CA 93402

The second meeting since organization of this chapter was held in Santa Maria. Fifty-two members and guests attended. Entertainment was furnished by Johnny Knight, W6YY, with a slide presentation of his trip to Russia and other Socialist Countries.

Phil Amborn, W6PA, received his 50 year award from chairman Wendell Peirce. Phil was first licensed as 6AJG in 1925 at the age of 14. In 1926 he passed the commercial exam. His call was changed to 6PA then by a sweet young thing in the Radio Inspector's office. To get on the air, Phil scrounged a pole-pot from the GWP and wound his own transformer, built slop jar rectifiers, etc., to produce a 5 wattter on 40 meters. Phil wanted to enter the field of commercial radio but his well-meaning parents believed radio was a fad. Between depression college and WW-II, he let his license lapse. About ten years ago Phil came back to "hamming" and with license upgrading passed the Extra Class Exam.

Our group now has five 50-year award members and a total membership of thirty-six.

Elected officers, pictured below are:  
(L-R) Secretary, Des Stovall, W6ECY; Historian, Harriett Amborn, W6DOY; Vice-chairman, Len Cassou, W6EK0, Chairman Wendell Peirce, W6FSJ.



Harriet Amborn, W6DOY.



## CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Herbert Preston, W2RIZ  
11 Lincoln Street, Tully, N.Y. 13159  
On-the-air: Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. 3917 kHz

The Fall dinner-meeting of Central New York Chapter was held at the Ramada Inn, in Binghamton, on October 11. There were 21 people present. As there are seventy-one members on our mailing list, the attendance at the dinner was rather small.

The main feature of the business meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. Considerable discussion ended with re-election of most of the officers who had served for the past year. Those elected were:

President: Orel Orvis, W2MAB  
Treasurer: Harry Spencer, W2SDA  
Secretary: Herbert Preston, W2RIZ  
Vice-pres: Robert Turrell, W2UWD  
Activities Chairman: Ted Goodison, W2QLQ.

There was some discussion of the coordination of certain net and social activities between adjacent chapters. President Orvis spoke on the desirability of participation in the proposed Northeast States Conference (NESCON). Sidney Tritsch, W2NFU, was appointed to represent the Central New York Chapter in the activities of this group. Sid has been very interested in such an organization for a long time and will be able to contribute much valuable assistance to this project.

Following the meeting, Will Summers, K2BQQ, gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides, of his recent trip to the West Coast. The pictures of his visit to the Hearst Mansion were especially nice.



Numerous pictures of people who were present were taken by Robert Cline, WA2TNS, who attended the meeting as a guest.

At left is a picture of Pres. Orel Orvis, W2MAB and his wife Beatrice.

Let's see more members at the next meeting.

Herb, W2RIZ

**CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Warren Bauer, W8IJV  
2318 Haviland Road; Columbus, OH 43220

The Central Ohio Chapter of the QCWA had a booth at the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention held at the Ohio State Fair grounds in Columbus, Ohio, on October 10 and 11.

A total of 40 QCWA members registered and approximately 12 prospective members requested application forms. We are looking forward to seeing these fellows at the chapter meetings in the near future. The photo shows the booth manned by Tom McCann, K8CM (charter member of QCWA) seated on right hand side and Otto Geyer, W8LEA, seated at left. Fred Cain, W8GC, is standing behind Tom.



The November 5th meeting was held at the Longhorn Steak House. Forty-six members and guests attended. The speaker for the evening was W8VUY, George Mc Donald, who showed slides of his visit to the North and South Islands of New Zealand. A Golden Anniversary Certificate was presented to W8GC, Fred Cain, by President Otto Geyer, W8LEA. See photo below.



Current officers of Central Ohio Chapter are:

President - Otto Geyer, W8LEA  
Secretary - Warren Bauer, W8IJV  
Director - Harlow Lucas, W8QQ  
Director - Dan Umberger, W8ZCQ

Tom McCann, K8CM



## CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Holt, W5DDI  
4420 N.W. 19th Street; Oklahoma City 73107

One of the Spring meetings had a picture taking session. Some of the results are shown below. The object is to start a photo album of the chapter members, to stay in the chapter archives.

At right, Ellard Foster, W5KE, is giving the OLD MAN a hand with the key - something Ellard is always ready to do, as "Helping Out" is Ellard's middle name.

Camera man for the chapter is Fred Boardman, W5NL.



The meeting was quite festive, as attested by the smiling faces of Ray Long, W5TY, and his charming bride Dorthygayle. Ray is City Clerk of Oklahoma City.



Mel and Rilla Bolger were also present. Mel is W5AXM, an old friend from the Caravan Club days. That was when the BC 696

was clamped under the dash and the modulator "rode the transmission tunnel." The antenna waggled the old Chevy down the road at 60 per and rag chewing was at its best. (Seems I even recall a Smokey report or two being passed along, too!. Good Grief!!!



R.L. "Red" Maier, W5RDE

## DALLAS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Walt Wiederhold, W50GZ  
2812 Pritchett; Irving, TX 75061

Meetings: First Saturday of each month

On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 1330Z on 3935kHz  
146.55 MHz simplex any time

Meetings of this Chapter are held on the first Saturday of each month. The same day a sidewalk/trunk sale is held at a well known location but under separate sponsorship. This works out well as it gives members a chance to attend the sale and then have lunch with the QCWA bunch. The present list of active members in this chapter numbers 72, with some of them from far off places like Pampa and Tyler. We welcome everyone and our usual attendance is about 30 members with about 10 guests.

Back in August our President, Doctor Henry Winans, W5KNY, took part in an early morning apprehension of some thieves who were cleaning out a local women's clothing store. Through their efforts, some \$10,000 worth of stolen goods was recovered and Doc Henry and another chap were awarded the "Involved Citizens Award" by the Dallas Morning News.

At the regular meeting of the Chapter on September 6th, members had the pleasure of witnessing a presentation of a certificate to Hank Johnson, W5COC, for being the 10,000th member of QCWA. Hank lives in Waco, Texas, and came to the meeting for this presentation. Mac, W5AZC, received a Golden Anniversary Certificate at the same meeting. We were very honored to share in the presentation which was made by Paul, W5HT.

On September 20th a number of members drove to Tyler to attend a meeting of that Chapter and watch a program on fast-scan Amateur TV put on by their members. In addition to a good program, we had lots of eyeball QSOs.

Planned for the first Saturday in January is a meeting at the Dallas Chapter location to which members of the Tyler and Fort Worth Chapters have been invited. It's sort of a joint meeting, but probably won't replace the regular meetings. Any other chapters that would like to join this meeting are invited. We are sure you will enjoy the fellowship.

A number of members from this chapter went to the Texoma Hamarama during the last weekend in October. This is an annual event which was fathered by Chuck Vanderpool, W5NT, now a silent key. QCWA members are very prominent in the operation and participation in this event and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

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Walt, W50GZ



**DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact A.G. Wentzel, W2HX

318 Gardner Avenue; Trenton, N.J. 08618

On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. on 3917 kHz.

Next Meeting: March 20, 1976

We had 53 members and guests attend the September 13 meeting at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Pa. This small attendance was due to the meeting being at the same time as the National ARRL Convention and QCWA Annual Meeting in Reston, Virginia.

After a short business meeting, the floor was turned over to the speaker of the evening, Mr. Michael D. Langan, Systems Engineer of Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia. Mr. Langan was awarded the 1974 Army Research and Development Achievement Award. He gave a very interesting talk with slides and movies on "Moving Targets with Artillery Fire" and answered many questions.

A tribute with a moment of silence was paid to our dear, departed friend and member, W2RHB, Robert L. Holtzheimer who passed away on August 12.

For the Annual Meeting on November 8, your program chairman has again come up with a terrific program. John Wolf, W3IMU, has secured Mr. John J. Horan of Princeton, N.J. as guest speaker. Mr. Horan is an electrical engineer, currently working with the General Electric Company on the Nimbus Project. His subject will be an illustrated lecture on the satellite now designated "Landsat." I understand it is an exciting presentation, so come and learn about our new means of communications.

If you are over 70 and have been a member of the chapter for five years, you are entitled to a life membership in the chapter. If you are under 70, check to see if your dues are paid. And don't forget to mark your calendar that the next meeting will be on March 20, 1976.

A.G. Wentzel, Jr, W2HX

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In order to start a fund for a QCWA Banner for the new Northern Lights Chapter, KL7DG is offering 15 envelopes with bear cachet of Kodiak Alaska AM-141 first day covers of December 5, 1960 with cachet marks on back of various small town mail stops on Kodiak Island. "I'll offer one to each QCWA member interested for \$1.00." KL7DG

## DAYTON-CINCINNATI CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Carl Yeager, W8DWT  
On-the-Air: Every Sunday at 1 p.m. on 3986 kHz

The Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter held its Fall Dinner Meeting on November 6 at King's Island Inn. Sixty-five members, wives, and guests attended and were treated to an excellent presentation of "Political Americana," by Charles Williams, W8AXQ. The Williams collection includes campaign badges, political medals and ribbons, photographs, and signatures of Presidents from Washington to Ford. He revealed many interesting political incidents from throughout the Bicentennial period.

Election of officers was held and the 1976 officers are:

Chairman: John Bruning, W8DSR

Vice Chair: Walt Wehner, W8TYL

Sec/Treas: Carl Yeager, W8DWT

(See photo page 29)

Master of Ceremonies for the program was "Mr. Sunshine," John Willig, W8ACE. Andy Shafer, W8TE, gave a report on the recent QCWA Convention. Russ Gardner, W8TPC, gave a status report on the Ohio QCWA Net which meets every Sunday at 1 p.m. on 3986 kHz.

Frank J. Schwab, W8OK

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## EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ward Buhrman, W4QT  
6617 Danby Drive; Chattanooga, TN 37421  
Next Meeting: April, 1976. Date and place to be announced.  
On-the-air: Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. EST on 3917 kHz

The Fall meeting of the East Tennessee Chapter was held on October 4, 1975, at Caryville, Tennessee. This was a luncheon affair, attended by members, wives and visitors. Al Kahn, K4FW, gave us an interesting account of his experiences in participating in getting HV1CN on the air for the first time.

The Chapter now has 50 members. A Sunday afternoon get-together is scheduled at 5 p.m. EST on 3917 kHz. W4HBU calls the roll.

Next meeting will be in April, 1976; date and place will be announced later.

Ward Buhrman, W4QT



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**EVERGLADES CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Ormond Bullis, W4PKD  
1225 N.E. 4th Street; Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Meetings: First Saturday of each month

The first Fall meeting of the Everglades Chapter was held on October 4 at the Sweden House, Fort Lauderdale.

A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Monty Freeman, W2ASI/4. Mark Devaney, K4IDC, National Treasurer, was then introduced and gave a report of activities at the QCWA Annual Meeting at Reston, Virginia. Four new members were accepted: K4JBI, Robert Hertzberg; K4IVA, Moe Segal; W2BKU/4, Sam Laine; W4LPS, Ferdinand Greenbaum.

Two charter members of our chapter have joined the Silent Keys: Ray Guy, W4AZ and Cliff Lougee, W4KCL.

The November 1st meeting was held at the Boca Raton Sweden House. Fifty members and guests were in attendance. New members #99 and #100 were introduced: K4DWH, Harry Schramm; and W2CLT/4 Howard Platt.

Jim Wilson, W4GDK, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate for the 1976 season:

Chairman: Ed Stoltzenberger, WB4ODL  
Vice-chair: R. Ken Rohan, K4YA  
Sec/Treas: Joe Trahan, W4UCL  
Director: Hal La Marche, K4DG

Chairman Gillette called on Ed Stoltzenberger to present a Golden Anniversary Award to Walt Bickmeyer, K4NI.

The December meeting will be at the Fort Lauderdale Sweden House. Hope to see you there.

Orm Bullis, W4PKD



The retiring and new officers of Dayton-Cincinnati  
W8OK, W8DSR, K8UZ, W8TYL, W8DWT

**EVERGREEN CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Howard Patrick, W7IDZ  
E. 2927 15th Avenue; Spokane, WA 99203  
On-the-air: Every Sunday at 0830 PST on 3985 kHz. NCS W7FL  
A 2-meter net is being organized using 22/82.

The first annual meeting of the Evergreen Chapter was held in Spokane, Washington, on October 4, 1975. Roll call was held and the following members were present: W7BFI, W7BGH, W7BMK, W7CFR, W7CHU, W7CJ, W7DB, W7DRD, W7ECG, W7EGR, VE5EN/7, W7FL, W7GBL, W7GHT, W7GND, W7GRE, W7IDT, W7IDZ, W7JJY, W7JRV, W7KTL, W7LSG, W7MKN, W7NC, W7NDZ, W7NV, W7OBH, W7PX

A superb job of preparing the Articles of Association and By-laws was done by W7GHT and W7BMK. These were discussed, a very few changes made, approved and accepted.

The following officers and directors were elected by a unanimous vote:

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| Chairman:        | Robert W. Morrill, W7BMK |
| Vice Chairman:   | Lawrence V. White, W7GRE |
| Secretary/Treas: | Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ |
| Directors:       |                          |
| SE Wash/NE Ore.  | Don Curtis, W7JRV        |
| North Idaho      | G.A. Woodhouse, W7FL     |
| Eastern Wash.    | Lloyd K. Cochrane, W7NC  |
| Western Mont.    | Orval F. Hill, W7DB      |

To celebrate the happy event of receiving the Charter for the Evergreen Chapter, Acting Chairman W7FL and Acting Secretary-Treasurer W7IDZ and K7RVJ, together with their wives, went to W7IDT's summer home on beautiful Lake Pend Orielle. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gale furnished a superb picnic featuring fresh trout from the lake. A picture of W7FL and W7IDZ holding the charter is shown below.



W7IDZ









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Your address \_\_\_\_\_ QCWA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your "Distinguished Member" Award number \_\_\_\_\_ Date (this page)

MAIL TO: Dave Davis, W4GQ, 6971 Grand Vista Way, South, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33707





## FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Walter Babcock, W2RXW  
405 Sayles Street; Oneida, N .Y. 13421

On Saturday, October 11th, 39 chapter members and their wives attended the fall meeting of the Finger Lakes Chapter at Drumlin's in Syracuse. President "Bud" Cohn, K2GFL, presided over the meeting and "Bill" Cruikshank, W2BKU, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The president indicated that the officers has been working on a set of By-laws for the club and were prepared to present them for approval at this time. Those members in attendance unanimously voted approval of the new By-laws.

A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Harold G.Towlson, W2BDE, by President Cohn. Ten other members of this chapter are holders of the 50-year certificates.

Our speaker of the evening was Lew McCoy, W1ICP, of ARRL, who reminisced about time, personalities, events, etc. He also stated his views on many Amateur subjects and commented on the outcome of the FCC docket 20282 and its effect on Amateurs.

Walter L. Babcock, W2RXW

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### CALL BOOKS

Thanks so much for your wonderful response to our request for call books. We now have a very useful library, with at least one call book for practically every year since 1921. (None for 1924, 1925). We are now able to give prompt service on checking eligibility of most applicants. We hope to continue to build up the library until we have every edition. It will be a most useful "tool" and a valuable asset for the Association.

Special thanks goes to Scotty, W6KTS, who has been scrounging the book stores around Long Beach and has donated us seven valuable books. Thanks, also, to the following: WØJHS, W4YB, WA3TX0, W7ENW, W3GD, W4KX, W6CHZ, W6IHH, K5BY, W2NPT, K2QXQ, W4LC. Hope we didn't miss anyone. We certainly do appreciate all of the donations.

The next thing we need to concentrate on is the Foreign call books from 1960. We have only a very few.

Executive Secretary

**FLORALA CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Jim Heller, W4UL  
817 Floridatown Road; Vilton, FL 32571  
Next Meeting: 31 January, 1976, QTH of W4MVM, Mobile, Alabama  
On-the-Air: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m Central time 3950 kHz

Our Chapter Meeting was held at the North Pensacola Holiday Inn on 15 November, 1975. We are the 82nd Chapter! Although we had only 13 members on our Charter application in April, we now have 24 members - nearly a 100% increase in seven months! One of the new members is Frank, W4RKH, the SCM for Northern Florida. Frank applied for QCWA membership on the day he became eligible.

Highlight of the meeting was our secretary, Jim, W4UL, passing around a QSL he received from Eleree, W4AGB, confirming their 1930 QSO! Jim had dug it out of a shoe box 45 years later and it still had the penny stamp on it - remember?

All enjoyed the snacks and bar provided by Jack, W4SG, prior to the steak dinner. Our next meeting will be hosted by Marc, W4MVM, in Mobile, Alabama, on 31 January 1976. Our Annual Meeting will be in Ft. Walton Beach in conjunction with the Playground Amateur Radio Club's Sixth Annual Swapfest on 25 April, 1976.

Al, W4OCG, our NCS, has established our Net on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Central, 8:00 p.m. Eastern, on 3950 kHz. All QCWA members are welcome.

John Zwaska, W4WKQ

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**BIG ISSUE**

We had more material than we could handle this month. Sorry if some of your Chapter news got whittled down a bit. When I got through typing up all the QSO Party information and the convention reports, etc., there were 68 pages of copy - to fit into a 48 page magazine! We added another 16 page "signature" of copy and still had to cut material. Maybe next time there won't be so many special events and we can have room for more chapter news. However, with 88 chapters in the Association now, we may have to do some cutting back. Do keep your wonderful reports coming, though, and we will get in just as much as we possibly can.

DEADLINE for copy for the Spring issue will be FEBRUARY 10.

Ethel, K4LMB



## FORT WAYNE CHAPTER

Formerly Indiana Chapter

For Information: Contact Secretary Ted Clifton, W9SWH  
10247 Coldwater Road; Fort Wayne, IN 46825

The Indiana Chapter has asked to change its name to Fort Wayne Chapter, since there is now an Indianapolis Chapter and the name Fort Wayne Chapter seems more fitting.

Our group held its Fall meeting at the Heritage House in Fort Wayne. Those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves and expressed the thought that they would attempt to gather others into the fold. A Spring meeting is now being planned.



Back row (L-R) W9IW, W9JRR, W9FSA, W9REW, W9JQQ  
Front row (L-R) W9SWH, W9UC, W9GZV

Ted Clifton, W9SWH

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### HELP WANTED

There is an opening in the operating staff of WPA, Port Arthur, Texas. Interested applicants will have to relocate in the Port Arthur area, must have FCC 2nd class radiotelegraph license or better. Position entails rotating shifts. Write Charles Derapelian, W5IW.

### BOOK WANTED

I would like to find a copy of the book "Radio Boys with the Air Patrol" by Breckenridge. Richard Randall, K6ARE.

## GATOR CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Dave" Davis, W4GQ  
6971 Grand Vista Way, So.; St. Petersburg 33707  
Meetings: First Saturday of each month.  
On-the-air: Every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m. on 3920 kHz

We came, we saw, hut, alas, we did not conquer. The luncheon at Germania Hall on November 8 was the biggest flop in Gator history. Our committee was naive enough to believe the manager when he told us he would provide food from the menu without delay. We should have known better. Well, let's put it in the history books and draw our lesson from the experience.

Your committee on hosting the 19th annual QSO Party has been quite busy. New rules have been drawn up to make an interesting contest. See details on page 10 and be sure to mark your calendar for February 13-15. We want to hear all Gators then.

I now have on hand a supply of the decals to be placed on the corner of the Golden Anniversary certificates for each two years completed after the 50 years. In other words, you get a decal at 52, 54, 56 and 58 years. Then at 60 years you get a new 60th Anniversary Certificate. I also have application forms for requesting the 50-year and 60-year awards. A SASE will bring you one of these. The reason for SASE is that if we are to hold our dues to \$2.00, we must avoid all possible postage, as this is our greatest expense.

We have a sad note on the loss of our old friend and valued member of the Gator Chapter, Franklin Atlee, K4PI. Frank had suffered a massive cerebral embolism and was in a coma for about two weeks. He passed away on October 15. Our sincere sympathy and condolences go out to his widow, Margaret, and their son.

I just learned, also, that Charlie Drescher, K4HS, a former member of the Gator Chapter, and I believe now a member of Suncoast, has passed away.

One of the finest things we do, I think, is to offer our assistance to widows for the disposal of the ham gear of our deceased friends. In the case of Chan, K4BZZ, I am happy to report that 90% of the gear has been sold and the money remitted to Millie. I received a long and beautiful letter of gratitude from Millie and she sends her regards and thanks to Chan's many friends.

A nominating committee has been appointed and at the December luncheon the new officers will be elected for 1976.

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Dave Davis, W4GQ



## GULF COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Clarence G. Ornduff, W5RZP  
317 Fayard Place; Biloxi, Miss 39530

Meetings: Third Friday of each month

On-the-air: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930 CST on 3925 kHz

The Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs is sponsoring the 1979 ARRL National Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They have asked for a QCWA convention in conjunction with the ARRL convention. That is still a ways off, but start thinking about the possibility of Baton Rouge in 1979.

The Gulf Coast Chapter's monthly dinner meetings have been well attended. Members and guests have come from Biloxi, Gulfport, Bay St. Louis, Baton Rouge & Abbeville, La.

Thomas Braidwood, president of the Gulf Coast Chapter, was recognized by the Association for sixty-two years of service as a licensed Amateur Radio operator. Shirley Arrighi, W5AXS, received the Golden Anniversary Award for 50-years as an Amateur. A nice write-up on these awards appeared in the Daily Herald.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter meets on the third Friday of each month. All QCWA members, or prospective members, are invited to join in the monthly festivities.

"Duffy" Ornduff, W5RZP

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### HOUSTON CHAPTER - Continued



Roy, W5AEJ was presented  
Golden Anniversary Certificate  
by Hal, W5NC



Tom, W5WR, received his Award  
from Wayne, W5MDV  
at Houston Chapter meeting

## HOUSTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact President Monty Montemayor, W5YZ  
9258 Theysen, Houston, TX 77055

On-the-air: Every Thursday night, 8:00 p.m. - 3876 kHz

Plans are well under way for the 1976 QCWA Convention to be held in Houston. The date has been set for September 18. Mark your calendar right now. This one you won't want to miss.

The QSO Party Committee is still recovering from the job of checking contest logs. See photo below. It was a great Party and we are now looking forward to the one in February sponsored by the Gator Chapter.



W5GPD, W5MRY, W5MDY, Rose, WA5RD0, K5AZ

The following Old Timers were elected or re-elected at our meeting of September 22, 1975

|                     |                      |                       |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| W5AIR Jerry Sears   | W5FR Otho Lindsey    | W5MRY Roy Hoffman     |
| K5AZ Gene Atkinson  | W5GPD C.B. Scott     | W5NC Hal Sears        |
| W5FEM Charles White | W5MDV Wayne Stenback | W5YZ Monty Montemayor |

The above directors then met to elect chapter officers:

President - Monty Montemayor, W5YZ

Vice Pres - Gene Atkinson, K5AZ

Treasurer - C.B. Scott, W5GPD

The office of Secretary is under study and will require special board action before an individual is elected to that post.

Our hats are off to the officers and directors who ran our chapter this past year. The new directors and officers thank you for electing them and promise a hard and vigorous execution of their duties during the 10th year of the Houston Chapter.

Golden Anniversary Awards have been issued to W5AEJ and W5WR. See photos on page 39.

Monty, Gene & Scotty



**LONG ISLAND CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Karl Johnson, K2KM  
24 Ceil Place; Bethpage, N.Y. 11714

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 2:15 p.m. on 3917 kHz

Our first annual picnic on August 16th was pretty well washed out with heavy rains most of the day. Fortunately, adequate indoor facilities were provided thanks to the employees of the Senior Citizens Center. Consequently, 22 members and wives enjoyed a nice informal indoor picnic.

Once again, be reminded that the ladies are cordially invited and welcome at our meetings. Those attending our last two meetings and the picnic appeared to enjoy themselves considerably.

The Ex-LIARS Net meets Mon-Wed-Fri on 3970 plus/minus 10 kHz (Alt 7280 kHz) at 0900 Eastern local time. The Ex-Long Island Amateur Radio Society is composed of hams who have moved to Florida. The membership is steadily growing. Anyone wishing a copy of the roster can obtain it from W2JGR.

A technical net devoted to discussion of wideband television transmission, known as the LIMARC ATV Technical Net, meets on Monday evenings on the WR2ADM repeater (146.85/146.25) from 10 to 11 p.m. local time. Subjects discussed include VHF/UHF antennas, propagation, RF power amplifiers, frequency measurement and TV standards. W2KPQ is net control.

Art DeVinney, W2RRY

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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Joe Soroaka, W3LGD  
209 McMichael Road; Carnegie, PA 15106

On-the-air: Every Sunday morning. W3KPI Net control

Next Meeting: Sunday noon, January 25

The fourth meeting of the year was held at Tonidale Restaurant on Sunday, September 28. Best meeting ever with a total of 49 present, consisting of 30 hams and 19 YLs.

Officers for the following year were elected at the June 8 meeting:

Chairman: Carl Williams, W3KPI

Secretary: Joe Soroaka, W3LGD

Joe Soroaka, W3LGD

**LUBBOCK CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary John Estes, W5HB  
4511 54th Street; Lubbock, TX 79414  
Next Meeting: December 6

The late Summer meeting was held September 27 at Furrs Cafeteria on 4th Street. We enjoyed the use of the special chow line - no waiting.

We enjoyed a fine dinner and fellowship. Twenty-eight were present, plus two unknown elderly women who got in the end of the chow line and joined us.

A nominating committee of E.C. Pool, W5NF0; Jack Blackwell, W5RGP; and U.V. Blake, W5EWB, decided the present slate of officers should serve another year.

President: Bill Mingus, W5ZH  
Sec/Treas: John Estes, W5HB  
Directors: U.V. Blake, W5EWB  
Darrel Davis, W5CV  
Rogers Orr, W5NIC

Leon Piland, W5FGG, a charter member of our chapter, was able to make his first meeting, along with YL Velma.

We regret to report the passing of Robert Walker Pollock, W9NJK/5 of September 23, 1975. He was licensed in 1934. Walker was born April 7, 1895. He had been in poor health several years and never was able to attend a chapter meeting. We will miss his cherry voice over the airwaves.

John W. Estes, W5HB

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**NEW KENTUCKY CHAPTER**

A Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter is in the making. Joe Veit, WA4EHD, reports there are 17 QCWA members he knows of in the area - and many more prospects. He is anxious to contact people who are interested in a Blue Grass Chapter.

**NEW MEXICO CHAPTER**

Nine QCWA members attended the November breakfast of the Albuquerque ARC and took advantage of the opportunity to issue a Golden Anniversary Award to Ed Hart, W5RE. The presentation was made by Ed's mother who will be 97 years young next month. Considerable enthusiasm was expressed for forming a New Mexico Chapter. Einard H. Morterud, W5FP is spearheading the organization.



## METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Chairman David Talley, W2RF  
40 East Ninth Street, N.Y. 10003

Next Meeting: January 14, 1976, Election of officers

Our May 21 luncheon meeting held at the Black Angus Restaurant brought out the usual good attendance - especially since the program was publicized as a Technological Symposium covering two main subjects - a little known method of transmission and the L & H Antenna. Needless to say, the spark transmitters coupled to the Laurel & Hardy Antenna was quite a success.

After the summer hiatus we assembled on October 1 at Luchow's Restaurant for a most enjoyable luncheon and program which was a beautiful film entitled "In The Wake Of The Bounty - The Miracle of Pitcairn Island." This was a continuation of the story of the home of VR6TC and the descendants of the famed mutineers. Like the previous slide presentation narrated by Tom Christian, VR6TC, it was enjoyed by all present.

November 12 our chapter held another luncheon meeting at Luchow's Restaurant, attended by 46 persons. After a delicious meal and the usual convivialities, we viewed a recent NASA film entitled "Who's Out There?" which covered the subject of life on other planets.

Our next chapter luncheon meeting is scheduled for January 14, 1976, and we shall at that time hold elections for a new slate of officers and directors. There will be a program by a guest speaker which will be of interest to all present. We have had the pleasure of some of the wives being with us at these meetings and they have enjoyed our program presentation very much.

We had a goodly group attending the National Convention at Reston, Virginia, and likewise the New England ARRL Convention at Hartford, Connecticut, on November 1 and 2. While there, our chapter, along with representatives of all the other area chapters met in the first session on what has been designated NESCON - the North East group of chapters. Affairs of mutual benefit will be the province of this group. We have established a NESCON net on 3917 kHz, Sundays at 1715 GMT, under the direction of Ralph, W2CVF.

A group of us intend attending the Hamboree Convention in Miami on the weekend of January 24. This has developed into a custom with our chapter for a number of years now and we have always had a good time with our members who are "snow birds" down South.

Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ed Prested, W8IAC  
Box 338; Indian River, MI 49749

Michigan Chapter held its annual picnic in August in Cadillac, Michigan, at the Kenwood Park. We had 39 members and YW's. Our chapter president, Jack, W8LA, and his YW did a grand job. The coffee was perked and ready to serve. They also had a big spread of goodies to eat. It was a cloudy day but we were lucky the rain held off until we were ready to leave. Everyone had a grand time.

A number of our Michigan Chapter members have received the Golden Anniversary Awards in the past year. Pictures of the presentations are shown below. W8CJT received both the QCWA certificate and the ARRL 50-year plaque.



W8CJT

W8IAC



W8DDN

W8GI

W8CJT

W8DT

W8HM

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This was indeed an auspicious occasion, for Dr. Robert M. Hisamoto, KL7AM, with his gracious marriage partner, Louisa, KL7HCO, had flown from Fairbanks Gilmore Tracking Station and the University of Alaska where he has been serving as a special consultant on aurora phenomenon.

Launching of ship and launching of Chapter, the belated blessing for a mutual good cruise followed for all shipmates and their skipper as a lighted lantern was passed from hand to hand around the table to mark concern for QCWA members no longer on watch and in particular to "Light A Lantern of Peace and Understanding Throughout the World by Amateur Radio."

John Trent, KL7DG



## NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John P. Trent, KL7DG  
1700 Tudor Road; Anchorage, Alaska 99507

"Light a Lantern of Peace and Understanding throughout the World by Amateur Radio" cast a theme in the far North sky on the eleventh month and the eleventh day of 1975 as eleven Amateur Radio operators, licensed at least twenty-five years ago, met with their wives to form the Northern Lights Chapter #88 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. The meeting was held in the Crows Nest on the eleventh floor of the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska.

Following a supreme eleven dollar delmonico steak menu, acting chairman, Harold D. Devoe, KL7MF, retired Engineer in Charge of the Alaskan FCC District Office, and John P. Trent, KL7DG, acting secretary, were elected to hold their offices in the new chapter. Hal received the chapter charter from the secretary and, holding the framed document, addressed the body of fifteen. There were five "shimmering lights" - wives of QCWA members.

The photo below shows Chairman Harold De Voe, KL7MF, holding the framed Charter. On Harold's right, Louise De Voe, On Harold's left, Marcie Trent and Dr. Hisamoto, KL7AM.



A brief prayer was made for Northern Lights, even though the AKA reading was very low. A suggestion of Northern Lights did appear over the Northern portal that night above the table position of Dr. Hisamoto and Marcie Trent - Shimmering Light of KL7DG. About that time another momentous event transpired for as "The Skipper" congratulated Chairman Harold Devoe on receiving his Golden Anniversary Award, the S.S. Greatland, 890 foot, 24 knot, largest container transport in the World showed its port side lights to the Crows Nest gathering as it slipped out of Anchorage port bound for "The Lower 48."

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## NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Harry Wills, WIDJ  
135 Quincy Avenue; Winthrop, MA 02152

The Century Kids, WIMPP and her husband, K4RO have returned to their winter home in Florida. Ken and his XYL (not wife) are now on the air and we hope to have them check-in with the New England net. Joe Washburn, WIAWA and Gladys have also returned to their winter home in Florida. Others will be headed south soon.

A lively meeting of the QCWA was held at the New England Division ARRL Convention in Hartford, Conn. During the convention I was asked for application forms by a dozen prospective members.

With the return of fall weather, the size of the Sunday morning net has been growing, as has the resentment of the membership re the censoring of their Secretary's Chapter notes, the deletion of XYL from the lexicon of Amateur abbreviations, the indifference of QCWA employees and officers to the wishes of the membership, etc. More will be forthcoming on this at a later date.

The ranks of chapter members appearing on the 2 meter repeater scene has also been growing. That list includes yours truly who has been the butt of some good natured ribbing by those who regard such operating less seriously than low band QSO's. As I point out to non-belivers, I am doing my part to relieve the energy shortage by limiting my transmitter output to 1 watt.

WLID has secured his farm in North Groton, N.H., closed his cottage at Lake Winnepesaukee and will divide his time this winter between his home in Lexington and his estate on Cape Cod. He has even given some thought to two meter FM operation. His spare time is whiled away at his office between trips to various parts of the world. An avid shutter-bug, his hundreds of slides taken during these trips provide hours of very interesting viewing.

Jim Alger who with his good wife Norma reside in Pittsfield, N.H., is once again active on 80 meter CW.

The New Hampshire town of Madison has an amateur population which is growing by leaps and bounds. Where there was formerly one there are now five. One of the five will not be active up there until next summer. A once sleepy town now a scene of bustling activity.

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## NEBRASKA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB  
6105 North 37th Street; Omaha, NE 68111  
Annual Meeting: Saturday, December 6, Grand Island  
On-the-air: Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on 3980 kHz

On Saturday, October 18th, during the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, a QCWA luncheon was sponsored by the Nebraska QCWA Chapter. Forty-eight division members attended. Don Meserve, WØHG, from the Kansas City Mid-Continent Chapter and Secretary of the QCWA National Assn., was the guest speaker

Following the luncheon, guests were excused and the Nebraska chapter conducted a chapter business meeting, with eighteen officers and members present. Appreciation for services rendered by WØHG and WØJDJ were expressed by applause.



NEBRASKA CHAPTER QCWA OFFICERS IN ACTION  
Secy WØFQB      Pres. WØGEQ      Treas. WØVYX

Our membership total of sixty was attained by the addition of our first WA call - WAØKHK #8503-L - who was present and introduced. The nominating committee presented nominations for officers and directors for 1976. Ballots will be mailed.

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6th, in Grand Island, Nebraska. A "dutch-treat" dinner at the Liederkrantz Club will precede the meeting at 6 p.m. WØAP has invited all members and YFs to tour the FCC Monitoring Station afterwards. The Board of Directors will meet at this location following the tour. Snow-mobile tune-ups are in order, so let's get crackin' and be there, u-all.

Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB

## NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary W2MZ, Harvey Wannemacher  
85 Wilma Drive; Lancaster, NY 14086

Meetings: Every Saturday Noon.

During September, a well attended Hamfest was held at Ham-burg, NY. A combination booth for our Chapter and the Radio Association of Western Yew York was secured. Considerable interest was shown by the visitors and they were made aware of the existence of both radio groups.

One of the new 60th Anniversary Certificates has been earned by our member Ray Nichols, W2RN (at right in picture below)



The Award was presented to Ray at the Hamfest by President Ray Griswold, W2SD.

In the group picture, Carleton Maylott, W2YE, receives his 50 year award from President Ray Griswold, W2SD.



W2KX, W2LB, W2JR, W2YE, W2RX, W2KZ, W2SD, W2SO, W2LEZ

Harvey Wannemacher, W2MZ



## NORTHWEST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hal Johnston, W7PN  
48 E- Harrington Lagoon Road; Coupeville, WA  
On-the-air: Every Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 3655 kHz CW  
Daily 12:00 Noon - 7260 kHz AM, SSB  
Every Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 3955 kHz SSB

The annual dinner of the Puget Sound Section of the Northwest Chapter was held on November 8 at "The Barb" in Burien, Washington, just South of Seattle. Fifty-five members, YLs and YFs were in attendance. Bill Gilbert, W7QA was elected as Section Representative.

Highlight of the program was the presentation of a 60th Anniversary award to Dr. F. Clifford J. "Doc" Spike - W7OS.

Harry Lewis, W7JWJ, presented a very interesting show of slides depicting the transmission of communications from the earliest days to the present, followed by a talk, with slides, of the National ARRL and QCWA Convention at Reston, Virginia.

The Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington area members of QCWA had a fine dinner on September 11, with 24 present. Northwest Chapter Chairman, "Tex" Sloat - W7AHK, presented the QCWA Golden Anniversary Award to Les Adams - W7VGX, of West Linn, Oregon.

Stan Belliveau, W7AY0

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### Northern New Jersey Chapter - Continued

presented to Harry Wattson, W20V, who received his first ticket fifty-four years ago. Of those present, Frank Frimmerman, W2FZ, had the longest record - from 1912. A number of Society of Wireless Pioneers were present. Charles, W2RTV, was unable to make it this time because of flood emergency duty.

The business meeting was followed by an excellent sound movie entitled "In the Wake of the Bounty" (all about Pitcairn Island) through the courtesy of Nat, W2AIM.

George J. Apfel, W2GHV

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### NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER - Continued

From we fortunate members residing in New England, to QCWA members everywhere a VERY, VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sincerely,

HARRY WILLS - W1DJ  
Sec. Treasurer

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Robert Cannon, W4IG0  
105 N. Sterling Blvd., Sterling, VA 22170  
Next Meeting: February 17, 7:30 p.m., Falls Church, Va.

The Charter Meeting of the Northern Virginia Chapter of QCWA was held on 18 November, 1975, at the Black Angus Restaurant, Falls Church, Virginia, with twenty-one persons in attendance. After an "attitude adjustment" interval beginning at 1930 hours and a fine dinner, the meeting was called to order by Robert C. Cannon, W4IG0/W8MPR, Secretary pro tem, in the absence of the President pro tem, Richard Peck, W4RL, who was unable to attend. Ken Joseph, W4SIG, was designated to take notes of the proceedings and to handle the finances for the evening. Ethel Smith, K4LMB, in her capacity as Executive Secretary of the national QCWA, presented the Chapter Charter to Mr. Cannon and wished the chapter a long and successful life.

The chairman appointed a Nominating Committee, consisting of William Miller, K4MM, as chairman and William Grenfell, W4GF, and J.A. Robichaud, W4ADW, as members. He asked that they present a slate of nominees for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer at the next meeting.

It was decided the chapter would hold quarterly meetings and the chair announced that the next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in February at the same time and place. A mailing announcing the time and place of that meeting will be sent to all Northern Virginia QCWA National members.

The chairman also appointed a Constitution and By-laws Committee, made up of Ed Stachura, W4AW, as chairman and Jack Kelleher, W4ZC, as a member. The Committee was asked to have drafts of a proposed Constitution and By-laws available for member consideration at the February meeting.

There was some discussion of the desirability of on-the-air meetings, but in the absence of positive support for the idea, it was tabled.

The chairman expressed his gratification at the size of the turn-out and his hopes for an even greater one in February. If you know of any prospective members, be sure they get the word.

Ken Joseph, W4SIG



## NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Apfel, W2GHV  
PO Box 312; Park Ridge, N.J. 97656

Meetings: Quarterly dinner meetings.

In spite of cloudbursts and flooded highways, the Northern New Jersey Chapter of QCWA held its regular quarterly dinner meeting on September 26 at the Ramada Inn in Rochelle Park, NJ. Ninety-two members and guests made it and a surprising few were "washed out."

President Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, introduced a number of prominent old time members (including KP4CH, Tom Banks). There was a moment of silence for Doc Walsh, W2BW (Mr. Second District) who recently passed away, and for W2MM and other Silent Keys.

The Recording Secretary, K2GH, summarized the minutes of the two Executive Committee meetings held during the summer. The Corresponding Secretary, W2GHV, reported a chapter membership of 162.

W2CVF reported progress on the formation of a number of QCWA chapters in the Northeastern area into a group with the suggested name "Northeastern States Conference (NESCON)". Since the national QCWA Annual Meetings have been moved to "far away places" it was thought desirable to have a consolidated meeting and dinner of NESCON yearly. Metro N.Y., Long Island, Delaware Valley, New England, Central N.Y., Finger Lakes and Mohawk Valley Chapters have been invited to join in forming NESCON. The response from the members present were very favorable.

George, W2GHV, announced the results of the election of chapter officers for the coming year.

President: W2CVF, Ralph Hasslinger  
1st V.P. W2CCS, Henry Zangenberg  
2nd V.P. W2JE, Gus Gironda  
Treasurer: K2BC, W.D. Earnest  
Corr. Sec: W2GHV, George Apfel  
Rec. Sec: K2GH, Paul Bechberger

Ralph, W2CVF, reported on happenings at the national meeting at Reston, Va. There were no changes in By-laws since Orlando. A Restructuring Committee was appointed to consider changes in the number of national directors. Appointed to the Committee were one national Director, WØHG, and two "non'directors", Ralph, W2CVF, and George Sperry, W4UKA. Next year's meeting will be held in Houston (another reason for NESCON).

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Russ Estep, W6AUC  
1469 El Camino Real; Belmont, CA 94002  
Annual Meeting February 8, Marco Polo Restaurant, Oakland  
On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3907 kHz phone  
10:45 a.m. - 3768 kHz cw  
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 146.25/85

All who attended our annual picnic at the El Verano Inn picnic grounds had a pleasant day. Forty-four signed the register, but there were some who came late and forgot to sign in. We are sorry that all present didn't get into the photo, but some were visiting and just too busy to pose,



Our Annual Meeting will be a "Brunch" at the Marco Polo Restaurant at Jack London Square, at Oakland, February 8. Prices will be reasonable, and there will be three choices of meals. Try to attend, won't you?

A Golden Anniversary Certificate was recently issued to Bill Seeley, W6COS, and we congratulate him. We now have the small stickers for each two years following issuing of the 50-year certificates. If you are eligible for such a sticker, just let Secretary Russ Estep know and it will be sent to you. If you become eligible for the 60th Anniversary Certificate, you can get one from Headquarters if you request it.

Through the good auspices of Bill Green, W6BYS, San Mateo County RACES has agreed to let us use their two meter repeaters. There are three repeaters: WR6ADY, WR6ADZ, and WR6AEA - all on 146.25 input and 146.85 output. This approach is probably more satisfactory than our own repeater could be without spending too much money. If you can make it, let's hear you.

Russel Estep, W6AUC



## PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary R.L. "Robbie" Robinson, K4JLM  
1706 Afton Avenue; Charleston, SC 29407  
Next Meeting: March, 1976 - Joint meeting with Blue Ridge Chapter  
On-the-Air: Saturdays at 1300 EST on 3930 kHz

A great time was had by all who attended the ham picnic at Givhans State Park on October 26. The YF's provided a bountiful feast for all. Much fun was provided by Herb, WA4ICB, and his pet mongoose. Games of baseball and horseshoes were enjoyed by many. There was music and a singalong to add to the entertainment. Our thanks to all who planned the outing.

A new net has been formed that may be of interest to some of you. It is called the S.C. Swap Net, and is just what the name implies - a net to buy, sell, and swap personal equipment. It meets on Sundays at 1500 hours on 3915 kHz. Don't forget our own QCWA net which meets each Saturday at 1300 hours on 3930 kHz. There has been a good turn-out. Since Palmetto is a state-wide organization, it would be difficult to have chapter meetings very often, as most chapters are able to do. The net helps keep up the interest in the chapter. We would like to hear from all of you.

Also, a reminder of the Palmetto State Chapter Joint meeting with the Blue Ridge Chapter in Greenville, S.C. to be held in March, 1976. The exact time and place to be announced at a later date.

Congratulations to the Rock Hill Radio Club on their 55th Birthday. Our best wishes to all members and continued success in the future.

An old friend of many of you is in the hospital seriously ill. Cmdr Travis R. (Tex) Leverette (USN Ret.) W4HDR, is in Moncrief Hospital, Ft. Jackson, S.C., Room 1009, 10th Floor E. He would like to hear from his friends, old and new alike. If you possibly can, drop him a note or card.

We have on hand applications for the National QCWA, the Palmetto State Chapter and for the Golden Anniversary Award. We will be glad to send copies to anyone that requests them. There is also an "Operating Award" certificate which is issued to any member of QCWA who has proof of contact with 100 QCWA members.

New members have been flocking into Palmetto State Chapter. We have added 18 new members since we received our Charter at Reston in September.

Robbie Robinson, K4JLM

## RAZORBACK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John Hug, W5CFQ

Route 1, Box 2; Charleston, AR 72933

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 2, 1976, Agri Park, Fayetteville, AR

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 1900 GMT on/or about 3900 kHz

The Razorback Chapter held its first luncheon/meeting, November 15, 1975, at Harrison, Arkansas. Seventeen members and 13 YFs were present. The Charter was presented and a proposed Constitution and By-laws was adopted.

A seven member Board of Directors was elected and officers selected for the ensuing year. Members of the Board are: John L. Hug, W5CFQ; E.L. Hymel, W5ENH; Leland W. Smith, W5KL; J.F. Hefton, W00FC; Henry H. Pattee, W5POH, R.E. Townsend, W5MYZ and Sid M. Pokorny, W5UAU. Officers for 1976 are

Chairman: Sid Pokorny, W5UAU

Vice.Chair: E.L. Hymel, W5ENH

Sec/Treas: John L. Hug, W5CFQ

The next meeting will be Sunday, May 2 at Agri Park, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our "on-the-air" meetings will be on Sunday at 1900 GMT, on/or about 3900 kHz until further notice.

At the QCWA Annual Meeting in Reston, Virginia, the charter for Razorback Chapter was accepted by Hal Sears, W5NC. In the photo below, QCWA President, Frank Gunther, W2ALS, presents the charter to W5NC.



A number of Razorback members attended the Hamarama. There were over 600 registrations for this affair and a good turnout at the QCWA breakfast and meeting.

Sid Pokorny, W5UAU



## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Roy Maxson, W6DEY  
221 Knoll Road; Vista, CA 92083

On-the-air: Each Wednesday evening at 2000 local - 28.6 MHz

San Diego Chapter held its Fall Brunch at the Vacation Village, San Diego, on September 14. Over 80 attended.

Election of officers resulted in a reshuffle of the incumbents, with one exception. We picked up a new comer, F.K. "Bernie" Bernardini, K6UV, who will be the vice-president. Si Morrison, W6OSD changed positions with President Roy Maxson, W6DEY. Romeo Bilodeau was nominated again to act as treasurer.



W6JWU, W6OSD, K6UV, W6DEY

Leland Fuller, W6ONM, received his 50-year Golden Anniversary Award and our oldest member - 86 - Ralph Paxton, W6HRI, was properly recognized. Doc Hawkins, K6RY, was congratulated on his 80th birthday.

Frank Jallu, W6GU, presented the program for the brunch. He introduced Tom Bamberger, WA6EHD, of the San Diego Fire Department, who gave an excellent talk on how the fire department operates. He also ran a film which presented their operations in a very vivid manner.

The Amateur community lost a very good friend on Saturday, September 13, with the passing of Evelyn Scott, W6NZP. She will always hold a warm place in our memory, for she was truly one of the world's nice people.

I would like to call attention to the San Diego QCWA net that meets every Wednesday night at 2000 Pacific time on 28.6 MHz. We have a good local attendance and have had members from other chapters check in. Check-ins from any QCWA member is encouraged.

Roy Maxson, W6DEY

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Moe Joffe, W6PHE  
7259 Willoughby Avenue; Los Angeles, CA 90046  
On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3917 kHz  
11:00 a.m. - 3695 cw

The Fall dinner-meeting of the So.Cal. Chapter at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach was very successful. There were 137 in attendance.

One of the features of the meeting was the awarding of plaques to the three mainstays of our local Sunday Morning Net: to Herb Glead, W6FQ, for acting as Net Control of the phone group, to Norm Henkel, K6BA, for acting as Net Control for the CW group, and to Gene Violino, W6INH for shepherding the "early birds" and keeping them in line until Herb takes over later in the morning. None of them had any idea of what was to take place, and were flabbergasted by the presentations.

Since Bert Ayres, W6CL, has shown a disrespect for the well-being of his noggin, having to have it sewn up on two occasions, and, the Chapter being reluctant to lose the services of so fine a printer, presented him with a "hardhat" appropriately decorated with his call letters.

The affairs of the Chapter for 1976 will remain in the tender care of the same officers as those for 1975.

The ARRL Southwestern Division Convention which took place in Ventura on October 24-26, drew a registration of more than 1400 and a BBQ Banquet attendance of over 1000. On Friday evening, our Fred Rollyson, WB6CNO, arranged an impromptu dinner get-together at the Colonial House in nearby Oxnard for the members of the So.Cal. Chapter of the QCWA who were attending the convention. About 45 guys and gals had a good time eating, eyeballing, and ragchewing. The QCWA shared a booth with the OOTC. Many of the boys stopped by to view the old gear on display and swap stories. One of the many prizes at the banquet was a beautiful Afghan made by Sister Charlotte, K6VFE, a member of the QCWA.

Another member of the QCWA, Alvino Rey, W6UK, and his band furnished the entertainment and music for the dancing after the banquet. Our guys and gals easily matched the zest of the younger crowd.

Before going our separate ways, many of the QCWA group met on Sunday morning for brunch.

Moe Joffe, W6PHE



## SUNCOAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Morris L. Brown, K4GSL  
44 Orange Street; Nokomis, FL 33555

Our October meeting at the Windjammer Restaurant was well attended with 84 present. It was decided to have the present officers hold over until our May meeting when the new officers will be installed. The Nominating Committee will present the slate at the February meeting, voting at the March meeting and installation at the last meeting of the season, which will probably be the May meeting.

The speaker of the day was Mr. Mike Feher, WB4LLZ, of the Electro Mechanical Research, who displayed many antique pieces of radio gear, much of which was a reminder to many of our members of the equipment they used in their early days of hamming. It was a new experience for Mike, who is still a young man, to describe to us old men what we used a way back when. Hi! Hi!

A 60th Anniversary Certificate was presented to Paul Trier, K4FI, of Venice, by Chairman Jim Balmer, K4ISG. The chairman gave out the new 50-year tabs, to be attached to the present Suncoast Chapter badges of all 50-year certificate holders.

A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of Charlie Drescher, K4HS. Charlie was a charter member of the Suncoast chapter but could not attend many meetings due to blindness.

With 63 members and guests to start the new season, our November meeting ran along very smoothly. An interesting talk on the 162 miles of the Inland Waterways was given by Colonel Charles Furbee, explaining the tonnage transported and the cost of operating. The taxpayer will pay about 9¢ each. That is the kind of taxes we like to hear about!

We hope to have room for a little biographical sketch on some of our members. This time it is Elmer Enke, K4YC, one of the Suncoast's active members. Elmer, a Windy City boy, received his ticket in 1924, with the call 9VJ. He spent 20 years in Skokie, Ill., as a sound engineer for all the local motion picture theatres. In 1948 he joined Chicago's staff at WGN, as a TV projectionist. He spent 22 years there before retiring in 1970. He couldn't enjoy loafing, tho, so spent another 2 years as a movie operator in Evanston, Ill. Then Elmer and Bernice moved to Sarasota, where W9VJ became K4YC. They like Sarasota so well now they have no desire to return to the "Windy City."

Bill Soehl, W4GHR

**SPACEPORT CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Fred Coates, K4RQE  
311 Meridian Drive; Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
Next Meeting: February 21, 1976 at Sweden House, Merritt Island

The Spaceport Chapter of QCWA held its quarterly meeting on November 15, 1975, at Sweden House, Merritt Island, Florida. At this meeting a new slate of officers was elected:

President: Fred Kienzle, K4ZS  
Vice Pres: Robby Robison, K4RQX  
Secretary: Fred Coates, K4RQE  
Treasurer: Bob Lucas, K4HTU

The next meeting will be February 21, 1976 at Sweden House, Merritt Island, Florida. This will be a combined meeting of the Spaceport Chapter of QCWA and the Society of Wireless Pioneers. We expect to have a speaker at this meeting.

Lee Coash, K4KWA

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**SYDNEY AUSTRALIA CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Pierce Healy, VK2APQ

Sydney Chapter held an election of officers. Elected were

President: Harry Caldecott, VK2DA  
VP/Treas: Eric Bierre, VK2BEK  
Secretary: Pierce Healy, VK2APQ

It is with regret and sorrow that we advise of the death of  
Morrie Meyers, VK2VN

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Larry Fralick, W4RQS

We had another meeting on November 22 and now have 39 members in the Tennessee Valley Chapter. Officers elected are

President: "Bull" Durham, W4HHU  
Vice Pres: Marshall Kingery, K4ER  
Secretary: Larry Fralick, W4RQS  
Deputy Sec: Willis Howard, W4M10

Will have an article with pictures for the next News.

Larry Fralick, W4RQS

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## TYLER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Frank A. Sewell, W5IZU  
1530 E. Idel; Tyler, Tx 75701 (214 592-4973)

Meetings: Quarterly

On-the-Air: Every Sunday 8:30 a.m. CST - 3835 kHz

The Tyler Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 20, at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Tyler. There was a total attendance of 32.

After a short business meeting, a very fine demonstration on Amateur "Fast Scan Television" was presented by W5FGT, Karem Soule - Gladewater; W5KJB, Melborne L. Robertson - Laird Hill, and Frank Wilshire, WA5UCD - Tyler, Texas. It was point to point and the quality was exceptionally good. These gentlemen use multi-element antennas to increase the effective radiated power and carry on TV communication between East Texas cities. They are pioneering Amateur Television in this area.

Frank A. Sewell, Sr., W5IZU

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## WEST BRANCH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joe Smertneck, W3KDK  
2515 West 4th Street; Williamsport, PA 17701

The West Branch Chapter held a social evening November 17 at the Carlton Manor in Williamsport, Pa. A short business meeting was held with the present officers retained:

Chairman: Ted Crowe, W3GPR  
Secretary: Joe Smertneck, W3KDK  
Treasurer: George Waddell, W3RON

After the meeting, Ron Petts, W3TNK, received his 50-year award, presented by W3JXQ, chairman of the Harrisburg, Pa. Chapter. Ron is well known around these parts. His personal contacts with early inventors and pioneers such as Marconi, Alexander Bell, Thomas Edison and Lee DeForest were a very interesting topic of conversation through the evening. A fine article appeared in the local newspaper.

The real pleasure of these meetings is the eyeball QSOs, We sure do cherish these contacts.

Ted Crowe, W3GPR

**WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER**

For Information: Contact Secretary Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ  
4627 47th Street N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20016  
Next Meeting: Friday, January 30, Perpetual Bldg, Bethesda, Md.

Tentative plans are under way for the annual QCWA Dinner at the Washingtonian Motel, now scheduled for Saturday, March 13. Save this date and advise all your friends to be there. It does not conflict with the big DX or YL Contest activities this year.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Washington D.C. Chapter would offer no objection to the formation of a Northern Virginia Chapter, for which a valid application has been filed. Relatively few Virginia members attend the Washington meetings and any who desire may be members of both Chapters. We wish our neighbors every success in their new venture.

Major recent activities were related to the ARRL National Convention in Reston, Va. At the October 3 meeting, a critique was held. Despite several minor glitches, it was agreed that the QCWA luncheon, attended by 200, was quite a success. Tom Rogers' talk on future space uses for communication and power collection was, indeed, outstanding. Later on, the old-time L&H Antenna movie and Ed Redington's spark transmitter demonstration were notable highlights. The booth was well attended and several new members were signed up.

Following the October 3 chapter meeting, Don McClenon, W3IN gave a talk on Extremely Low Frequency Communication. It featured the theory and practice of a system already in experimental use by the Navy to talk to its worldwide deployed nuclear submarines. It radiates signals on frequencies as low as 45 Hz (lower than our power frequency!) where a dipole would be 4000 miles long!!

The next chapter meeting will be at the Perpetual Building Assn, 7401 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Md. at 8:15 p.m.\* on Friday, January 30, 1976. (\*No parking in the parking lot before 8 p.m.) There will be an election of officers for next year. Other program details later.

The convention provided a great opportunity for members from all parts of the country to renew old acquaintances and to make many new ones. We hope we will be seeing all of you again at the QCWA Dinner in March.

Don Mc Clenon, W3IN



## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary R.I. "Mac" MacDonald, W9BKD  
1348 DesMoyer Street; Green Bay, WI 54303  
Monthly luncheons - 2nd Tuesday - Green Bay  
3rd Tuesday - Milwaukee  
On-the-Air: Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on 3985.

The 1975 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter was held at Wausau on October 4. Ninety-one members and guests met at the Holiday Inn for a very well organized dinner and business meeting. W9NA, assisted by K9KSA, made arrangements and handled reservations. The afternoon business session centered around the election of directors. After the election the board met and made the following appointments:

Chairman - W9VOW, G.M. VanDen Wymelenberg  
Vice Chairman W9EWC, Herman Greve  
Rec. Sec./Treas W9VQD, J. Travis Baird  
Correspondence  
& Membership W9BKD, Ronald MacDonald  
Publicity &  
Public Relations W9OUT and W9BKD.

The ladies were entertained at a home economics seminar on Microwave Cookery. Members driving to Wausau were treated to the full fall colorama of North Central Wisconsin Autumn. Mobiles were directed in Wausau by members of the Rib Mountain Repeater Association.

The Spring meeting will be held in Green Bay at the Downtown. Don't forget the two monthly luncheons. All Hams are invited, but a special invitation is extended to QCWA members.

Ronald MacDonald, W9BKD

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## TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Russell, K4KWV  
1405 29th Avenue; Vero Beach, FL 32960

The Treasure Coast Chapter will host a luncheon on Saturday, March 20, 1976, in conjunction with the Treasure Coast Bi-Centennial Hamfest. All QCWAers and wives are invited. For information and reservations, write PO Box 3088; Vero Beach, FL 32960.

Isaac Roach, K4QM

## QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an Amateur Radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid Amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown. Headquarters has a library of old call books which will provide proof in most cases.

An Entry Fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50 plus Entry Fee. Time payment on Life membership is also available: Three payments within 1 year - \$25, \$15, \$10.

## CHAPTERS

QCWA Chapters may be formed, upon approval of the Board of Directors, by petition of at least 10 QCWA members in good standing living in the same geographical area.

## CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members. Stickers are available to update new calls, etc. Replacement certificates may be obtained for 50¢.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in Amateur Radio. Decals are issued for each additional 2 years. Replacement of Golden Anniversary certificate costs \$1.00.

60th ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued to those who have completed 60 years in Amateur Radio.

QCWA WORKED ALL STATES certificates are issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working QCWA members in all 50 states of the U.S.

WORKED 100 QCWA. An Operating Award is issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working 100 QCWA members

WORKED 60 QCWA CHAPTERS certificates are issued for contacting members of 60 different QCWA Chapters. Proof must be submitted.

QCWA QSO PARTY. A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three consecutive QSO Parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently. Certificates are also issued to the top three chapters with highest aggregate scores in the annual QCWA QSO Party.



## QCWA SUPPLIES

The following supplies may be purchased for QCWA members.

QCWA Alpha-by-Name Directory .....\$3.00

QCWA Lapel Pin - Gold plated, with call engraved.....\$3.00  
Clutch pin, pin clasp or screw button styles

QCWA 50-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only).....\$4.00

QCWA 60-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only)..... \$4.00

Blazer Emblem. 4" embroidered patch with QCWA Logo.....\$3.00

500 Red QCWA Stamps - for Regular Members.....\$1.75

500 Yellow stamps - for Life Members .....\$1.75

500 Red stamps imprinted "50 Years in Amateur Radio." ...\$2.00

QCWA Auto Decal (4 inch)..... .25

Chapter Banners \* 2½ x 4 foot Storm King Cotton \$30.00  
(\$60 cost shared by Headquarters.)

\* Free to Chapters having 50 or more members. -----

QCWA supplies may be ordered as gifts for QCWA  
members who meet appropriate qualifications.

QCWA HEADQUARTERS  
2012 Rockingham Street  
McLean, Virginia 22101

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the following QCWA supplies as indicated:

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W2JBL NCS; W9CV & W9RC Alternates

Sun: 2100 UTC - 14,345 kHz  
W2SF NCS East, W2AIM Alt.  
W6FQ NCS West

